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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING EAST PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL ON
BEING NAMED A "GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL" BY THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Britto, and Lauria

Date Introduced: May 01, 2023

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education annually recognizes top school
2 systems nationwide who are successfully creating eco-friendly and sustainable school
3 environments; and

4 WHEREAS, In August of 2021, EPHS opened the doors to its brand new modern high
5 school campus consisting of numerous environmentally friendly "green" components and
6 technologies including LED fixtures, daylighting, efficient HVAC systems, bioretention areas,
7 pervious surfaces, and six electric vehicle charging stations; and

8 WHEREAS, Also noting the school's inclusion of the "Three Pillars" related to the award
9 which includes reduced environmental impact and costs, improved health and wellness, and
10 effective environmental and sustainability education, EPHS was recognized as a Postsecondary
11 Sustainability Awardee for 2023 and was named a "Green Ribbon School"; and

12 WHEREAS, The National Green Ribbon Award is the highest award bestowed to schools
13 by the U.S. Department of Education and brings welcomed and deserved attention and
14 recognition to both the City of East Providence and its new High School for working tirelessly
15 through their high quality, dedicated staff to foster a culture of great expectation and achievement
16 for all students; and

17 WHEREAS, The new EPHS clearly demonstrates what is possible when committed local
18 government officials, school administrators and educators work together not only for the benefit
19 of students but also for the sustainability and health of future generations and our environment;

1 now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes and
3 congratulates East Providence High School on earning the prestigious "Green Ribbon School"
4 designation from the U.S. Department of Education; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Sandy Forand, Superintendent of East
7 Providence Schools, William F. Black, Principal of East Providence High School, Jenni
8 Azzaerno, Chair of the East Providence School Committee, and the Honorable Bob DaSilva,
9 Mayor of the City of East Providence.

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